

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT

Notice to Interested Parties

December 17, 2004

Announcement of a Public Workshop and Extension of a Previously Announced Comment Period on the Draft Child-Specific Reference Doses (chRD) for Pentachlorophenol and Manganese for Use in Assessing Health Risks at Existing and Proposed School Sites.

The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) of the California Environmental Protection Agency is announcing a public workshop on the draft chRDs on pentachlorophenol and manganese. The basis of these chRDs is presented in the draft report "Development of Health Criteria for School Site Risk Assessment Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 901(g): PROPOSED CHILD-SPECIFIC REFERENCE DOSE (chRD) FOR SCHOOL SITE RISK ASSESSMENT, Manganese and Pentachlorophenol," which was previously released for public review December 3, 2004.

Health and Safety Code (HSC), Section 901(g) requires the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), in consultation with the appropriate entities within the California Environmental Protection Agency, to identify those chemical contaminants commonly found at school sites and determined by OEHHA to be of greatest concern based on child-specific physiological sensitivities. HSC 901(g) also requires OEHHA to annually evaluate and publish, as appropriate, numerical health guidance values or chRDs for those chemical contaminants until the contaminants identified have been exhausted.

The public workshop will be held from 10 AM to 12 PM on January 14, 2005, in the Sierra Hearing Room on the second floor of the Joe Serna (Cal/EPA headquarters) Building, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California, to discuss the proposed chRDs on pentachlorophenol and manganese. OEHHA follows the requirements set forth in Health and Safety Code, Section 57003, for conducting the workshop and receiving public input. Oral and written comments received at the workshop and during the comment period will be considered during the revision of the draft document. Because there will be no official transcript of the meeting, we recommend that oral comments also be submitted in writing. Written comments must be received at OEHHA by 5:00 p.m. on January 31, 2005, to be considered. This is an extension of the previously announced comment period for this draft report.

If you would like to receive further information on this announcement or have questions, please contact our office at (916) 324-2829 or the address below. Written requests or comments should be addressed to:

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